

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB277

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
 Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Albo

3. Committee: House Transportation

4. Title: Washington Bypass transportation corridor.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to establish a Washington Bypass transportation corridor. Chapter 670 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly authorized the CTB to establish transportation corridors in connection with the Statewide Transportation Plan. Such a bypass is not to be constructed until a corresponding facility has been constructed or is in progress in the State of Maryland and is available to be linked to the Virginia facility.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$0	0	
2011	\$3,000,000	0	NGF
2012	\$3,000,000	0	NGF
2013	\$3,000,000	0	NGF
2014	\$0	0	
2015	\$0	0	
2016	\$0	0	

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Appropriation would need to be transferred between programs.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of the bill would initiate the planning process for the toll facility. A location study would be required to secure the approvals necessary to set the corridor for the bypass. The Department of Transportation would need to hire a consultant to conduct the location study, assess impacts, and develop at least one alternative as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Existing staff would be used to manage the process. The agency estimates the requisite work would take three years, for an estimated total cost of \$9 million. The cost would be greater if multiple alternatives are considered. Funding would need to be transferred from other agency priorities to provide for the cost of the location study.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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